have been stayed by courts, the Chief Commissioners have been advised to get the stays vacated, wherever possible.

(d) The assessments pertaining to the assessment years required to be completed within the time prescribed under the Income tax Act have been completed.

[Translation]

Unauthorised Occupation of Land and Bunglows in Varanasi Cantonment Area

5309. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some land of the Varanasi Cantonment area and bunglows constructed by British nationals there, are in unauthorised occupation of the members of the Cantonment Board and relatives of military officers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government against those persons?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) There are some encroachments on the Defence lands and the lands vested in the Cantonment Board, Varanasi. There is no information whether the encroachers are related to members of the Cantonment Board or military officers.

(b) In some cases eviction proceedings under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act are in progress, while in certain other cases the matter is pending before the Civil Courts.

[English]

Import of Tea

5310. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to import tea when India is the world's largest tea producing country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of import planned to be resorted to and at what rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). Import of tea for domestic consumption is not allowed. However as per present Government policy import of tea for purposes of export after value-addition is allowed under the Advance Licensing Scheme.

Export of Cloves

5311. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quality of cloves exported particularly from Karnataka and Kerala during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether there is a great demand for cloves in the international market; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to boost export of cloves?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). Our total production of cloves is estimated to be about 1500 MT, which is not sufficient to meet even the domestic demand. As a result we have to